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## Michigan Waterfront Alliance Update for Wednesday, June 15, 2022

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**Michigan Waterfront Alliance (MWA) is a 501(c) 4 non-profit corporation formed over twenty years ago in order to effectively advocate for the creation or preservation of state laws, and/or policies designed to protect, preserve, and promote the sustainable and wise use of our state's immense treasure of high quality freshwater resources. Our primary mission will be accomplished by pro-active participation in Michigan's legislative process (lobbying), by participating in court cases whose outcomes may have significant statewide ramifications, and/or by direct involvement with natural resources management, or environment focused state agencies or departments.**

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You can also make an important contribution to our efforts to protect Michigan's freshwater gems by becoming a member of Michigan Waterfront Alliance today!!!

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## Beach safety



**Red Flag = STOP**

Stay on the beach, do not enter the water and do not swim.



**Yellow Flag = CAUTION**

Watch for dangerous currents and high waves.



**Green Flag = GO**

Enter the water, but stay aware of changing conditions.

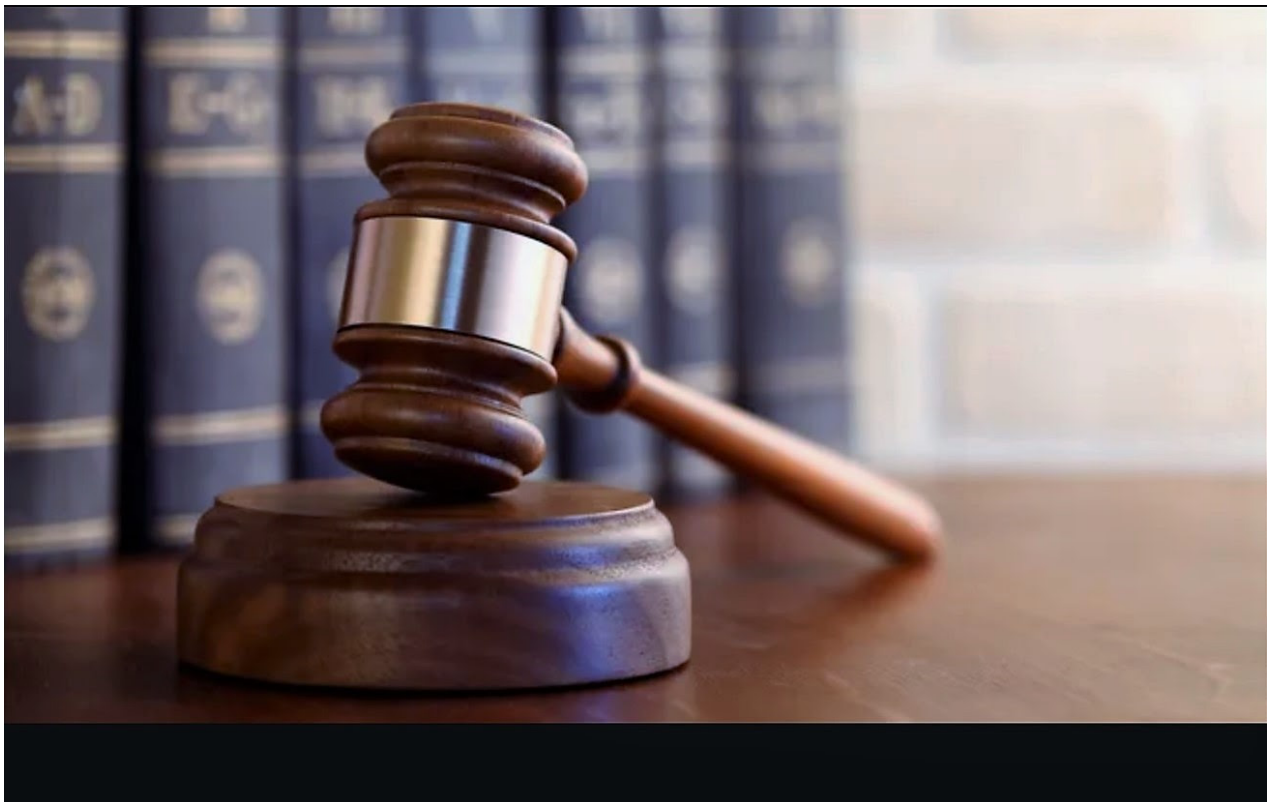
## New law prohibits water access from a state-managed beach when risks are present

**New Law Applies to Both State Managed Great Lakes and Inland Lake Beaches**

In an ongoing effort to create more protections for visitors on state-managed lands, [Land Use Order 5.1.6](#) now prohibits people from accessing the water from a state-managed beach when risks to human health and safety are present. This includes situations like active rescue/recovery efforts, severe weather events identified by the National Weather Service, waves more than 8 feet high, water contamination and unsafe debris washing ashore. Such closures will be publicized via on-site signage and/or communication by a DNR employee, such as an announcement over a loudspeaker.

*\*The order does not apply to people using a self-propelled wave-riding board, such as longboard and shortboard, kiteboard, body/"boogie" board with swim fins, and skimboard, and when using commonly accepted safety rules and procedures.*

Visit [Michigan.gov/BeachSafety](https://Michigan.gov/BeachSafety) to learn about designated swim areas, the Great Lakes beach flag warning system and dangerous currents.



**An Open Letter from Bob Frye, President of Michigan Waterfront Alliance  
to  
Michigan's Lakefront Property Owners Associations  
We Need Your Support!**

## Please Consider Making a Generous Donation to Our Legal Defense Fund Today!

May 25, 2022

Dear Michigan Lake Associations,

The Michigan Waterfront Alliance (MWA) Board of Directors recently filed an amicus brief in a case pending with the Michigan Supreme Court where the core issue pertains to the important question of whether private citizens can use the Michigan Natural Resources Environmental Protection Act (MNREPA) to judicially review MI Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) permitting actions.

This quote from MWA Attorneys Dane Carey and Bill Carey explains it very well: "The MWA has a unique and compelling amicus position to present. MWA is in a sincere position to advocate on the public trust position based upon its prior experiences with EGLE. MWA has worked for several years now to lobby EGLE from negligently introducing aquatic invasive species (AIS) into Michigan lakes. The results of the lobbying have not been too successful. MWA, in its amicus argument, can, in good faith, represent to the Supreme Court that the MWA has tried and failed administratively to convince EGLE that its actions are MNREPA (Michigan Natural Resources Environmental Protection Act) violations. We need to therefore be able to have a legal theory (public trust thru MNREPA) to sue EGLE to obtain relief."

The disregard for the significant potential for the spread of exotic aquatic invasive plant and animal species by the DNR is illustrated in the permitting process of a new public access site planned for Eagle Lake located near Edwardsburg, Michigan where an administrative law judge agreed with the DNR that it is not responsible for preventing the introduction of AIS at its newly permitted public boating access ramp at Eagle Lake. The position of the DNR in the Eagle Lake matter is indicative of the failure of the agency to take responsibility for protecting the Public Trust as it pertains to Michigan's Lakes and Streams.

If the outcome of the filing of this amicus is successful and the Michigan Supreme Court ultimately rules that citizens can use MNREPA as the basis for filing a court case it would truly be a game changer, and be a great boost to protecting the public trust in regard to Michigan's Lakes and Streams!

Here is the link to the Michigan Supreme Court Oral arguments for the case:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y5s7B4\\_088E](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y5s7B4_088E)

**The legal fees for this amicus brief filing are substantial! Out of a total of twenty eight MWA current lake association members we have received Legal Fund Contributions to help cover the considerable expense of this litigation from only five associations. MWA believes that those most likely to reap the considerable benefits of a favorable MI Supreme Court decision in this important public trust - water resources management related case should help shoulder some of the expense of this amicus brief filing.**

**We need the help of every Lake association in the State of Michigan! Members or not!**

**Please consider making a contribution to Michigan Waterfront Alliance's Legal Defense Fund!!**

**Sincerely,**

**Bob Frye, MWA, President**





**Michigan Waterfront Alliance is Pleased to Share  
the Following Items From A Recent Edition of  
the Michigan Boating Industry Association Newsletter**

**Let your constituents know - It's the Law - Clean, Drain, and Dry to help stop the spread of AIS**

It is also important for all boaters to be educated on their role in helping to stop the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS). Zebra Mussel, Round Goby, Eurasian Watermilfoil, and Asian Carp are only a few on the long list of AIS that threaten our Michigan waterways and fisheries. Boaters, anglers, paddle craft, field workers, all have a responsibility to help stop the spread of AIS and the best way to do this is to diligently Clean, Drain, and Dry when leaving one body of water and before entering another body of water.

Since 2019, boaters are now required by law to not only remove all plants from their boats and trailers and other conveyances, they must also remove drain plugs and drain bilges, ballast tanks, and live wells. MBIA also reminds anglers of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Order 245. Essentially, it says that it is unlawful to release baitfish in any waters of the state, collecting fish as bait can only be done on an inland lake and used where it is caught. Baitfish can only be released back into the original location, i.e. the same stream or lake where they were caught. The best practice is to dispose of baitfish on land or in the trash.

**Clean, Drain, and Dry steps are below:**

**CLEAN** off visible aquatic plants, animals, and mud from all equipment before leaving water access. Rinse equipment and boat hulls (with high pressure, hot water

when possible). Rinse interior compartments of boats with low pressure, hot water (120°F). Flush motor with hot water (120°F) for 2 minutes (or according to owner's manual). Some launch sites will have boat wash stations. Use them or find a nearby car wash location that is capable of spraying down boats. Invasive seeds, shoots, and eggs can be tiny and can hide in plants, dirt and mud and cling to or hide in the creases and cracks of clothing and equipment, including tire treads and other parts of vehicles and boats. From there, they can work free at the next lake or stream you visit.

**DRAIN** motor, bilge, live well, and other water containing devices before leaving water access.

**DRY** everything for at least five days OR wipe with a towel before reuse.

MBIA is proud to be at the forefront to educate boaters on their role in helping to stop AIS and you should be too. While it is the law, it is also much more - it will help preserve our lakes and streams and protect our fisheries for our use and for future generations.



**I WASH MY  
BOTTOM!**  
do you?



**Help Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers!**  
***Michigan.gov/InvasiveSpecies***



## **MBIA sponsors Clean Marina pledge fee for your District**

The Michigan Clean Marina program is a non-regulatory partnership between MBIA, EGLE, MDNR and Michigan Sea Grant. If you have a Michigan Certified Clean Marina in your District, we would love for you to thank them for their stewardship. Visit this marina and send us a picture so we can promote your visit. If you have marinas in your District that are not certified clean marinas, we would love for you to invite them to the program. MBIA is sponsoring the \$100 pledge fee for all marinas who make the pledge to be a Clean Marina. For more information please contact Danielle Fahim at 734-261-0123 ext.1 or [dfahim@mbia.org](mailto:dfahim@mbia.org)



**Beware - E15 to be sold during the summer months as a way to lower fuel prices**

Many boaters don't know that E15 gasoline (fuel blended with 15 percent ethanol) destroys engines in a wide range of commonly used consumer products, including boats, generators, and lawnmowers. It is against federal law to use E15 in these engines, but 85 percent of consumers are unaware that it is illegal to do so and that it will void any engine warranties. In fact, 3 in 5 consumers mistakenly assume that E15 is safe for all their products and say the current E15 warning labels are inadequate. MBIA is supporting the Consumer Protection and Fuel Transparency Act as it moves through Congress. This Act would require better labeling and consumer education on the correct fuel choices. Until proper labeling is in place, please help educate those who purchase fuel in your household that Ethanol free fuel, commonly called Rec Fuel, is the best choice for your boat.

To learn more about the mission of the Michigan Boating Industry Association, visit <https://www.mbia.org/>



MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF  
ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY

## Training and Outreach

# WEBINAR

## Michigan's Water Withdrawal Assessment and Permitting Process

June 21, 1:00 - 2:00 PM

[Michigan's Water Use Program](#) is responsible for registering large quantity withdrawals, collecting annual water use data, making determinations on the potential impacts to water resources as a result of proposed withdrawals, and processing water withdrawal permits. [This webinar](#) will take a deeper dive into Michigan's Water Use Program and will explain how this ground-breaking

**intersection of policy and science created an innovative water withdrawal assessment and watershed accounting process.**

**Webinar attendees will learn about the technical aspects of the Water Withdrawal Assessment Tool, site-specific reviews, and the permit review process. We'll also cover the options available to a water user when a proposed withdrawal runs up against the legal threshold, as well the actions required to maintain compliance. The webinar will include a presentation followed by a question-and-answer session and will be recorded and posted online.**

**[Michigan.gov/EGLEevents](https://michigan.gov/EGLEevents)**

**PROGRAM QUESTIONS:**

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# CALLING ALL LAKE LOVERS

MICHIGAN INLAND LAKES CONVENTION  
**PROTECTING LAKES  
TODAY FOR TOMORROW**  
VIRTUAL EVENT: SEPT. 14-16

Keynote addresses, workshops, and  
breakout sessions dedicated to helping  
lake enthusiasts and professionals  
better understand inland lakes.



<https://bit.ly/milc2022>

**Mark your calendars!**

**The Michigan Inland Lakes Convention:  
Protecting Lakes Today for Tomorrow**  
will be held on-line on

**Wednesday, Thursday & Friday**

**September 14 - 16, 2022**

The three-day virtual Convention will include a plenary session with keynote addresses, workshops, concurrent sessions, a virtual educational resource room, awards, photo contests and trivia.

The Michigan Inland Lakes Convention is a biennial event that brings together professionals, researchers, local government officials, students lake enthusiasts, and others interested in protecting Michigan's water resources. The online format will allow us to reach a large audience, provide an archive of recorded presentations, and offer lower registration fees. While the costs are decreased compared to an in-person Convention, there are still substantial costs associated with offering an accessible and successful online event including logistical and technical support, recording, captioning, and posting presentations for future access. Your support helps keep prices reasonable for all participants, allows us to offer student scholarships, and is an excellent exposure opportunity for your business or organization.

## CONTRIBUTOR OPPORTUNITIES

### Platinum: \$750+

- Special recognition throughout the Convention, including event announcements and press releases
- Organization logo displayed in Convention materials, website and social media

### Gold: \$500

- Organization logo displayed on Convention website and social media
- Recognition during Convention

### Silver: \$250

- Organization logo displayed on Convention website

### To be a contributor:

Please make your check payable to "Muskegon River Watershed Assembly" and indicate that the funds are to be directed to the Michigan Inland Lakes Partnership.

Mail your contribution to:  
Michigan Inland Lakes Partnership  
c/o Muskegon River Watershed Assembly  
Ferris State University  
1009 Campus Drive JOH 200  
Big Rapids, MI 49307-2280

The Muskegon River Watershed Assembly is a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, and your contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

#### QUESTIONS?

Contact Dr. Jo Latimore at MSU:

[latimor1@msu.edu](mailto:latimor1@msu.edu)

517-432-1491

#### Contribution Deadline:

August 12, 2022

<http://bit.ly/milc2022>

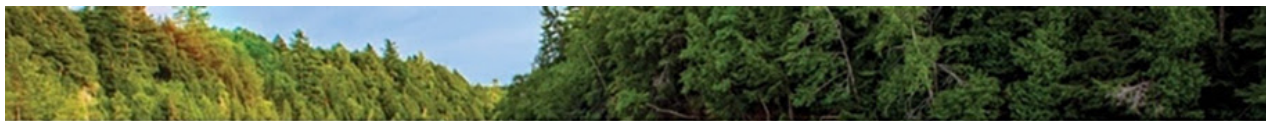
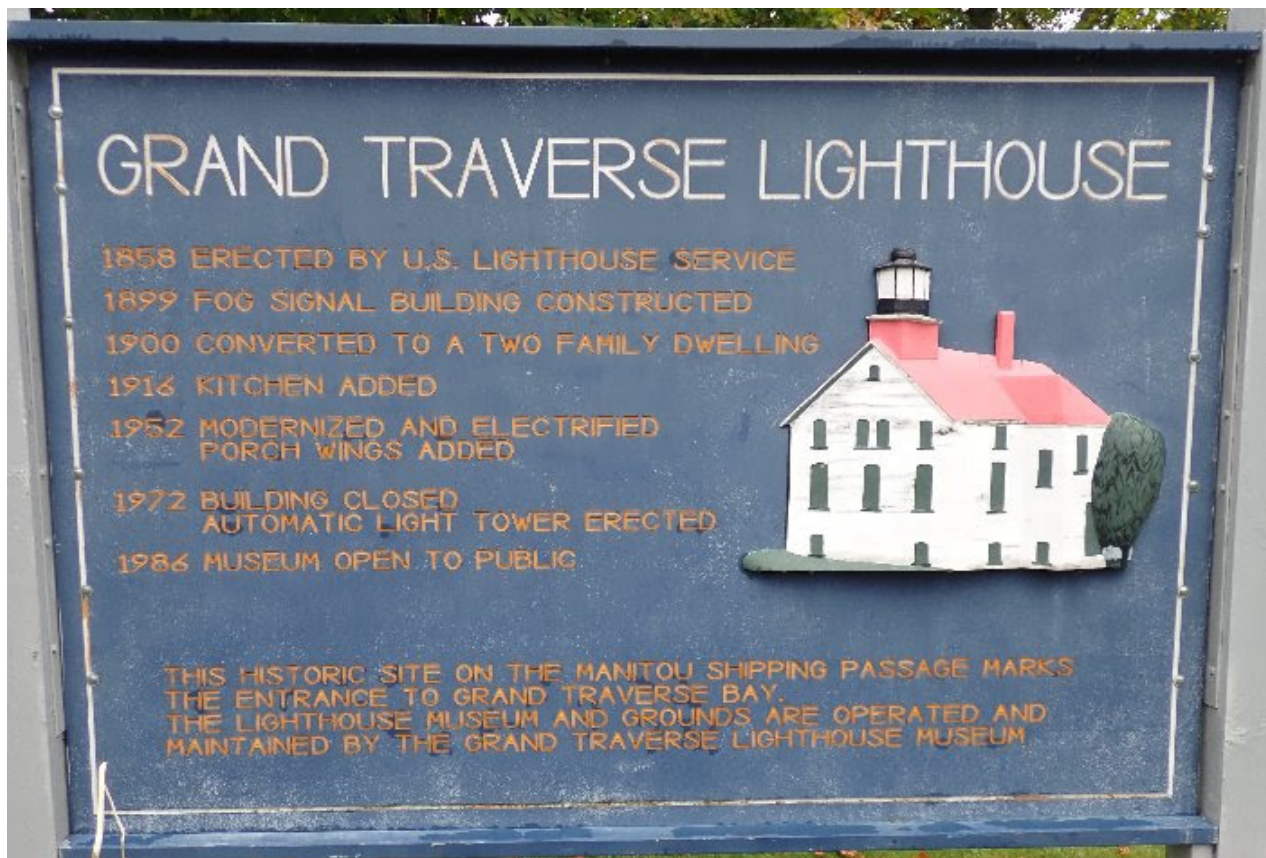






Created in 1947, the Michigan State Waterways Commission is a seven-member advisory board that works with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources on the use of dedicated funds, provided by boaters, for the acquisition, development and maintenance of public harbors and boating access sites and certain locks and dams.

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## NotMISpecies Webinar Series

Invasive species pose a threat to Michigan's environment, economy, and sometimes even human health. What is at stake? What is being done? This webinar series will explore how agencies, universities and locally led organizations are working together to protect Michigan's natural resources through the Michigan Invasive Species Program. If you are concerned about the impacts of invasive species or interested in

the techniques used to control them, join us as we examine species-specific actions, innovations in research and technology, and programs designed to help communities prevent and manage harmful invasive species. A question and answer period will follow each presentation.

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**May 12, 2022**

Contact: [Joanne Foreman](#), 517-284-5814

## Decon, didymo and DIY: Get ready for summer with NotMISpecies webinars

Now that temperatures finally are warming up across Michigan, it's time to head outdoors! Whether you're planning a weekend on the water or digging into a landscaping project, this summer's [NotMISpecies webinars](#) offer tips to help you prevent and manage invasive plants and animals to protect the places you love.

With more people—and more invasive species—on the move, decontamination (or “decon,” for short) is now an essential part of travel. Upcoming webinars will show you the best tools and methods for assuring no invasive hitchhikers tag along on your journeys. If invasive plants have crept onto your property, NotMISpecies is also offering some do-it-yourself tips for management.

Supported by the Michigan Invasive Species program, the monthly, hour long webinars are designed to keep people informed about available programs, current research and emerging issues in the state and the Great Lakes region. Question and answer sessions and links to resources help attendees get the most out of each presentation.

[“Not in My Backyard! Managing Invasives with Help from CISMAs”](#) (9:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 27) demonstrates how you can control invasive plants in your landscape. Vicki Sawicki of North Country Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area and Elise Desjarlais of Lake to Lake Cisma will share identification tips and treatment tricks for common invasives including garlic mustard, Japanese knotweed and several invasive shrubs. Learn the importance of monitoring, re-treating and restoring beneficial vegetation after invasive species removal and how to get additional resources from your local Cisma.

The webinar series takes a break in August and will be back in September with more great information.

If you can't wait for its return, take some time to catch up on topics you might have missed, including this year's forecast for spongy moth (formerly gypsy moth), collaborative efforts in invasive carp management, and the threat posed by spotted lanternfly.

Recorded versions of all previous [NotMISpecies webinars](#) are available at [Michigan.gov/EGLE/Outreach](https://Michigan.gov/EGLE/Outreach) under "Featured Webinar Series."

Michigan's Invasive Species Program, a collaborative effort of the departments of Natural Resources; Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy; and Agriculture and Rural Development, coordinates and supports invasive species initiatives across the state and provides support through the [Michigan Invasive Species Grant Program](#).

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EGLE COVID-19 RESPONSE: For details on EGLE's work during the pandemic, [visit this webpage](#). Follow state guidelines at [Michigan.gov/Coronavirus](https://Michigan.gov/Coronavirus).

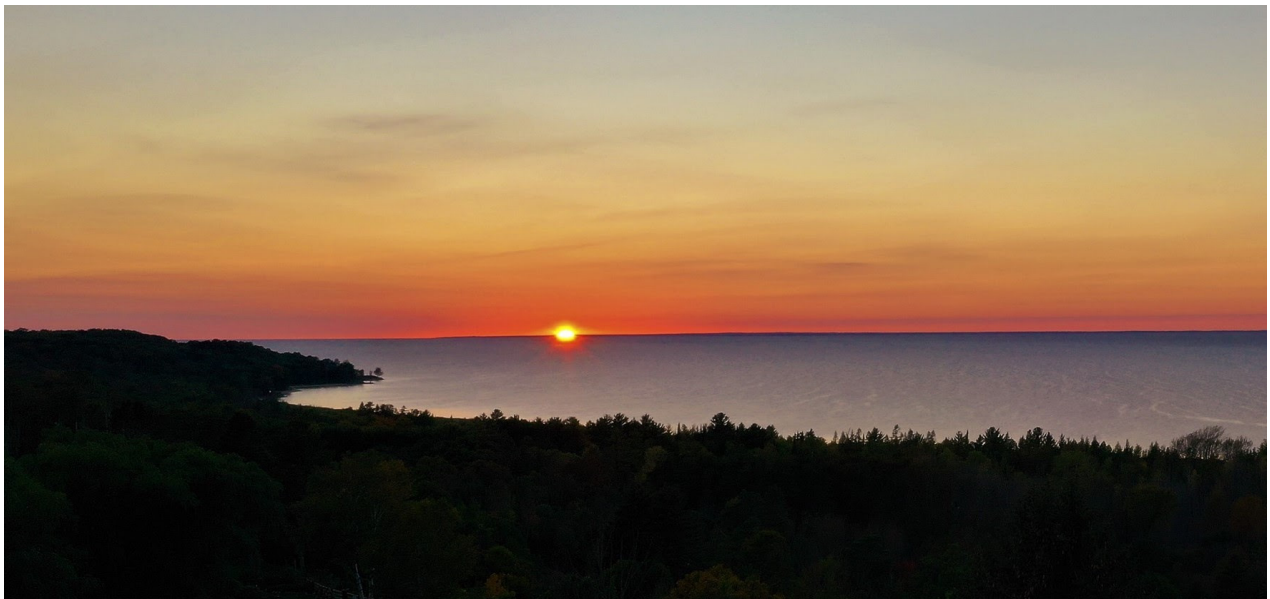


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# Protecting Our Lakes & Shorelands

A Virtual Series for Those Living on  
or Recreating in Our Local Lakes and Waterways

Developed by: Friends of Spider Lake and Rennie Lake, Michigan



## THE MOST UNWANTED AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES: IDENTIFYING, DECONTAMINATING, AND REPORTING

- Wednesday, June 15, 2022
- 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
- [Google Calendar](#) [ICS](#)

**Description:** Emily Cook, AIS Coordinator at the Benzie Conservation District and manager of the Aquatic Invasive Species Pathways Program, will be presenting on how to protect our special waters from unwanted aquatic hitchhikers. She will discuss how to identify high-priority species, the proper methods of decontamination, the biggest challenges (and wins!) of on-the-ground boat washing, and how to take action as an individual.

This virtual presentation is a part of the Protecting Our Lakes and Shorelands Series developed by the Friends of Spider Lake & Rennie Lake, hosted by the Grand Traverse Conservation District. Speaker: Emily Cook, Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator at the Benzie Conservation District

**When:** Wednesday, June 15th from 6:30 - 8:00 pm

**Where:** Virtual Presentation

**Registration:** [Click here](#) to register for this event



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## ATTENTION READERS!!!

**In order to add your friends, neighbors, and/or fellow lake or watershed conservation focused association member e-mails to our growing list of water resource**

**conservation minded people who would like to receive this Michigan freshwater resources focused twice monthly newsletter, contact Editor Scott Brown at [scottb1952@gmail.com](mailto:scottb1952@gmail.com)**

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**>> We Need Your Help!!! <<**

## **Why You Should Join Michigan Waterfront Alliance?**

Do you care for your lake, river, or stream? Do you care enough to contact your state senator or representative about issues that affect your waterbody? Do you keep track of the bills that are important to your lake, river, or stream? The good news is that Michigan Waterfront Alliance (MWA) is doing this for you. MWA hires a lobbying firm to keep track of issues and bills which may affect Michigan's waterfronts, and remain in constant contact with senators and representatives. These lobbyists have relationships with those serving in our state legislature, willing to present bills that MWA would support to help protect Michigan's inland waterways, and help to defeat bills that may be detrimental to our waterways. There is an old saying that "you can't fight city hall." This may be true if you do not know how, but with the help of MWA's attorneys, MWA has the experts that know how to deal with legal issues. There have

been laws interpreted incorrectly when it comes to our lakes, rivers, and streams. MWA, with its attorneys, has argued these cases when we believe the law has been misinterpreted.

While the MWA Board of Directors is made up of volunteers, it is expensive to hire lobbyists and attorneys. The Michigan Waterfront Alliance membership is made up of individuals, lake associations, and corporations who care about Michigan's lakes, rivers, and streams. Would you like to be more involved? You can by becoming a member of Michigan Waterfront Alliance and by becoming an active partner in MWA. Membership in MWA is inexpensive:

**We rely entirely on membership dues to fund the operating costs of our organization...**

**TO BECOME A MEMBER OF  
MICHIGAN WATERFRONT ALLIANCE VISIT OUR  
>>>>> MEMBERSHIP PAGE <<<<<<**

Annual Dues are:

\$50 for an individual;

\$100 for a lake association; and

\$200 for a corporation

With support from individuals like you, lake associations, and corporations, we can continue to work together as a unified voice choosing to protect Michigan's water resources for future generations. Thank you for your consideration!!!



## Join Michigan Waterfront Alliance!

- Are you tired of funding the management of aquatic invasive species on your lake that were introduced by recreational boaters using the local MI Department of Natural Resources public boating access site?
- Are you just a bit angry that recreational boaters using your lake are not being asked to contribute their fair share to combat the negative influences of aquatic invasive species?

- **Are you worried about the fact that your lakefront residential property values are being negatively influenced by the steadily increasing presence of aquatic invasive species?**
- **Are you concerned about the fact that it is nearly impossible to find an inland lake in Michigan that does not currently host one or more potentially harmful aquatic invasive species?**
- **Are you aware of the fact that inland lakes are Michigan's most valuable natural resource, and that our state legislature has thus far appropriated almost nothing in the way of budget resources to help ensure they remain healthy and viable?**

**If your answer is yes to any of these important questions, please help ensure that your voice is heard in Lansing by joining Michigan Waterfront Alliance today.**

**[Click here to Join MWA](#)**

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